

# NONEXISTENCE OF DECREASING EQUISINGULAR APPROXIMATIONS WITH LOGARITHMIC POLES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this article, we present that for any complex manifold whose dimension is bigger than one, there exists a multiplier ideal sheaf such that there don't exist equisingular weights with logarithmic poles, which are not smaller than the original weight. A direct consequence is the nonexistence of decreasing equisingular approximations with logarithmic poles.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\varphi$  be a plurisubharmonic function (see [8]) on a complex manifold  $X$ . Following Nadel [9], one can define the multiplier ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  (with weight  $\varphi$ ) to be the sheaf of germs of holomorphic functions  $f$  such that  $|f|^2 e^{-2\varphi}$  is locally integrable (see also [11], [12], [3], [4], etc.).

In [2] (see also [3]), Demailly shows that for any given quasi-plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi$  (i.e., locally can be expressed by  $\psi + v$ , where  $\psi$  is plurisubharmonic function and  $v$  is smooth) on compact Hermitian manifold  $M$ , there exist quasi-plurisubharmonic functions  $\varphi_{S,j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) on  $M$  with smooth poles satisfying

$$\mathcal{I}(\varphi) = \mathcal{I}(\varphi_{S,j})$$

( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) ("equisingularity"), which are decreasing convergent to  $\varphi$ , when  $j$  goes to  $\infty$ .

It is called that a quasi-plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi_A$  has logarithmic poles if there exist holomorphic functions  $g_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, N$ ) such that

$$\varphi_A = c \log \sum_{k=1}^N |g_k|^2 + O(1),$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  (see [2], [3]). In [2] (see also [3]), Demailly asked

**Question 1.1.** *For any given quasi-plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi$  on  $M$ , can one choose equisingular quasi-plurisubharmonic functions  $\varphi_{A,j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) on  $M$  with logarithmic poles, which are decreasing convergent to  $\varphi$  ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ )?*

In this article, we give negative answers to Question 1.1 for any dimension  $n \geq 2$  by the following theorem

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**Theorem 1.2.** *For any complex manifold  $M$  (compact or noncompact)  $\dim M \geq 2$  and  $z_0 \in M$ , there exists a quasi-plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi$  on  $M$  such that for any plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi_A \geq \varphi$  near  $z_0 \in M$  with logarithmic poles,*

$$c_{z_0}(\varphi) < c_{z_0}(\varphi_A) \quad (1.1)$$

*holds, where  $c_{z_0}(\varphi) := \sup\{c|\mathcal{I}(c\varphi)_{z_0} = \mathcal{O}_{z_0}\}$  is the complex singularity exponent of  $\varphi$ .*

We prove Theorem 1.2 by considering the following

**Remark 1.3.** *Let*

$$\varphi_1 := \log(\max\{|z_1|, \dots, |z_{n-1}|, |z_n|^a\}),$$

*where  $a \in (1, 1 + a/2)$  is a irrational number, and  $(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  are coordinates on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let*

$$\varphi_2 := \max\{\varphi_1 - 18n, 6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n\}.$$

*Let*

$$\varphi := -M_\eta(-\varphi_2, 0),$$

*where  $M_\eta(t_1, t_2)$  is in Lemma (5.18) in [4], which satisfying*

*(1)  $M_\eta(t_1, t_2)$  is smooth on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ;*

*(2)  $M_\eta(t_1, t_2)|_{\{t_2+2\varepsilon_0 \leq t_1\}} = t_1$  and  $M_\eta(t_1, t_2)|_{\{t_1+2\varepsilon_0 \leq t_2\}} = t_2$ ,*

*and  $\eta := (\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0)$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 = \frac{1}{1000}$ .*

In following two remarks present that  $\varphi$  in Remark 1.3 is quasi-plurisubharmonic, which can be extended to  $M$ .

Let

(1)  $A_1 := \{z | \log(\max_{j=1, \dots, n} |z_j|) < 0\}$ ;

(2)  $A_2 := \{6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n < -2\varepsilon_0\}$ ;

(3)  $A_3 := \{z | \log(\max_{j=1, \dots, n} |z_j|) < -6 \log n\}$ .

It is clear that

$$A_3 \subset A_1 \subset A_2.$$

The following remark shows that  $\varphi$  in Remark 1.3 is quasi-plurisubharmonic.

**Remark 1.4.** *As*

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n &\geq 12 \log(\max_{j=1, \dots, n} |z_j|) - 6n \\ &\geq a \log(\max_{j=1, \dots, n} |z_j|) - 6n \geq \varphi_1 \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

*on  $A_1^c$ , then*

$$\varphi_2(z)|_{A_1^c} = 6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n. \quad (1.3)$$

*By (1) in Remark 1.3, it follows that  $\varphi$  is smooth on  $(A_1^c)^o$ .*

*As*

$$\varphi_1|_{A_2} < 6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 18n < 6n - 2\varepsilon_0 - 18n < -2\varepsilon_0$$

*and*

$$(6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n)|_{A_2} < -2\varepsilon_0,$$

*then it follows that  $\varphi_2|_{A_2} < -2\varepsilon_0$ . By using (2) in Remark 1.3, it follows that  $\varphi|_{A_2} = \varphi_2$  is plurisubharmonic on  $A_2$ .*

*Note that*

$$(A_1^c)^o \cup A_2 = \mathbb{C}^n.$$

*Then  $\varphi$  in Remark 1.3 is quasi-plurisubharmonic.*

The following remark shows that  $\varphi$  in Remark 1.3 can be extended to  $M$ .

**Remark 1.5.** *By equality 1.3 and (2) in Remark 1.3, then it is clear that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi|_{\{6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n > 2\varepsilon_0\}} \\ &= -M_\eta(-6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) + 6n, 0)|_{\{6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n > 2\varepsilon_0\}} \equiv 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

The following remark present the singularity of  $\varphi$  in Remark 1.3

**Remark 1.6.** *As*

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \log(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) - 6n &\leq 12 \log\left(\max_{j=1, \dots, n} |z_j|\right) + 6 \log n - 6n \\ &\leq a \log\left(\max_{j=1, \dots, n} |z_j|\right) - 6n \leq \varphi_1 \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

on  $A_3$ , then

$$\varphi_2|_{A_3} = \varphi_1.$$

By Remark 1.4 ( $\varphi|_{A_2} = \varphi_2$ ) and  $A_3 \subset \subset A_1$ , it follows that

$$\varphi|_{A_3} = \varphi_1.$$

Using Theorem 1.2, we answer Question 1.1 by contradiction

**Remark 1.7.** *If not, then for the plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi_1 = \varphi|_{A_3}$  in Remark 1.3, there exists a plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi_A$  with logarithmic poles near  $o$  satisfying  $c_o(\varphi_1)\varphi_A \geq c_o(\varphi_1)\varphi_1$ , such that  $e^{-2c_o(\varphi_1)\varphi_A}$  is not integrable near  $o$ . By Berndtsson's solution of the openness conjecture ([1]) posed by Demailly and Kollar ([7]), it follows that  $c_o(\varphi_A) \leq c_o(\varphi_1)$ , which contradicts Theorem 1.2.*

## 2. SOME PREPARATIONS

In this section, we recall some known results and present some observations.

**2.1. A sharp lower bound for the log canonical threshold for dimension 2 case.** In [6], Demailly and Hiep present the following

**Theorem 2.1.** ([6]) *Let  $\varphi_A \geq \varphi_1$  be a plurisubharmonic function near  $o \in \mathbb{C}^2$  with logarithmic poles, then*

$$c_o(\varphi_A) \geq \frac{1}{e_1(\varphi_A)} + \dots + \frac{e_{n-1}(\varphi_A)}{e_n(\varphi_A)}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $e_k(\varphi_A) := \nu((dd^c \varphi_A)^k, o)$  ( $e_1(\varphi_A) = \nu(\varphi_A, o)$ ).

As  $\varphi_A \geq \varphi$ , then one can obtain

$$e_n(\varphi_A) \leq e_n(\varphi) = a \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$e_k(\varphi_A) \leq e_k(\varphi) = 1 \quad (k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}) \quad (2.3)$$

(by using Second comparison theorem (7.8) and Example (6.11) in chapter III of [4])

**2.2. Observations.** Note that  $c_o(\log \sum_{k=1}^N |g_k|^2)$  is a rational number (see [7]), and the Lelong number  $\nu(\log \sum_{k=1}^N |g_k|^2, o)$  is a integer (see [4]), where  $g_k$  are holomorphic functions near  $o \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then it is clear that

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi_A := c \log \sum_{k=1}^N |g_k|^2 + O(1)$  near  $o$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $g_k$  are holomorphic functions near  $o$ . Then*

$$c_o(\varphi_A) \nu(\varphi_A, o) = c_o(\log \sum_{k=1}^N |g_k|^2) \nu(\log \sum_{k=1}^N |g_k|^2, o)$$

*is a rational number.*

We prove Theorem 1.2 by using the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\varphi_A \geq \varphi_1$  (as in Remark 1.3) be a plurisubharmonic function near  $o \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with logarithmic poles, where  $a > 1$  is an irrational number. Assume that  $c_o(\varphi_A) = c_o(\varphi_1) = (n - 1 + \frac{1}{a})$  ( $c_o(\varphi_1) = n - 1 + \frac{1}{a}$  see [7]). Then  $\nu(\varphi_A, o) < \nu(\varphi_1, o) (= 1)$ .*

*Proof.* As  $\varphi_A \geq \varphi_1$ , then it is clear that  $\nu(\varphi_A, o) \leq \nu(\varphi_1, o)$ .

We prove Lemma 2.3 by contradiction: if not, then  $\nu(\varphi_A, o) = \nu(\varphi_1, o) (= 1)$ . By Lemma 2.2, it follows that  $c_o(\varphi_A) \nu(\varphi_A, o)$  is a rational number, which contradicts  $\nu(\varphi_A, o) c_o(\varphi_A) = 1(n - 1 + \frac{1}{a}) = n - 1 + \frac{1}{a}$ .  $\square$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

We prove Theorem 1.2 by contradiction: if not, then there exists a plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi_A \geq \varphi_1$  near  $o$  with logarithmic poles such that

$$c_o(\varphi_1) = c_o(\varphi_A) \tag{3.1}$$

$(\varphi_A \geq \varphi_1 \Rightarrow c_o(\varphi) \leq c_o(\varphi_A))$ .

By inequalities 2.1 and 2.2 it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} c_o(\varphi_A) &\geq \frac{1}{e_1(\varphi_A)} + \cdots + \frac{e_{n-2}(\varphi_A)}{e_{n-1}(\varphi_A)} + \frac{e_{n-1}(\varphi_A)}{e_n(\varphi_A)} \\ &\geq \frac{n-1}{e_{n-1}^{\frac{1}{n-1}}(\varphi_A)} + \frac{e_{n-1}(\varphi_A)}{e_n(\varphi_A)} \\ &\geq \frac{n-1}{e_{n-1}^{\frac{1}{n-1}}(\varphi_A)} + \frac{e_{n-1}(\varphi_A)}{a}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Note that function  $f(t) := \frac{n-1}{t^{\frac{1}{n-1}}} + \frac{t}{a}$  ( $t \in (0, a^{\frac{n-1}{n}}]$ ) is strictly decreasing with respect to  $t$ . If  $e_{n-1}(\varphi_A) \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\frac{n-1}{e_{n-1}^{\frac{1}{n-1}}(\varphi_A)} + \frac{e_{n-1}(\varphi_A)}{a} \geq n-1 + \frac{1}{a} = c_o(\varphi), \tag{3.3}$$

moreover " = " in inequality 3.3 holds if and only if  $e_{n-1}(\varphi_A) = 1$ . If  $e_{n-1}(\varphi_A) < 1$ , then it follows that  $c(\varphi_A) > n-1 + \frac{1}{a}$  (by inequality 3.2), which contradicts equality 3.1. Then it suffices to consider the case  $e_{n-1}(\varphi_A) = 1$ .

Note that the second "  $\geq$  " of inequality 3.2 is " = " if and only if  $e_1(\varphi_A) = \cdots = e_{n-1}(\varphi_A) = 1$  (by  $e_{n-1}(\varphi_A) = 1$ ). By Lemma 2.3, it follows that  $e_1(\varphi_A) < 1$ ,

which implies that the second " $\geq$ " of inequality 3.2 is " $>$ ". Using inequality 3.3, we obtain that

$$c_o(\varphi_A) > n - 1 + \frac{1}{a},$$

which contradicts equality 3.1.

Then Theorem 1.2 has been proved.

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